

FISCAL NOTE

SJR 519

March 30, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Urges the Governor to provide assistance with the purchase of drugs and other pharmaceutical services, which are available to all persons considered dual eligible and medically needy, during the transition period to the new pharmacy benefit under Part D of the federal Medicare program.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$1,000,000

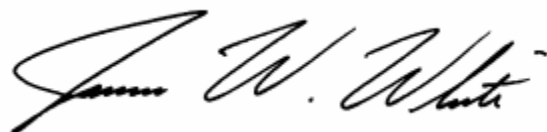
A more precise cost estimate is not possible because the TennCare Bureau has not provided any information to assist in the preparation of this fiscal note.

Assumptions:

- There are approximately 38,000 included in the dual eligible population which would receive pharmaceutical coverage during the transition to the Medicare Part D program. The 97,000 individuals in the medically needy population were not disenrolled from TennCare.
- The initial enrollment period for Medicare Part D ends May 15, 2006.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director